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District of Columbia man sentenced to 40 years of incarceration for killing two men in March 2006

Washington, D.C. - On Friday, September 18, 2009, Harold Anderson, 22, of Washington, D.C., was sentenced in D.C. Superior Court to 40 years of incarceration by the Honorable Frederick Weisberg, for the March 23, 2006, shooting deaths of Preston Allen and Kristopher Gilmore, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips. A Superior Court jury convicted Anderson on June 10, 2009, of two counts of Second Degree Murder while Armed.

According to the evidence presented at trial, on March 24, 2006, at approximately 2:20 a.m., officers from the Metropolitan Police Department responded to a radio run for a vehicle that was parked for hours in front of 426 Quackenbos Street, NW, with the engine running. When officers arrived at the location, they noticed a black 1991 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham with two men lying motionless in the front seat. The officers quickly determined that the men were not alive. That same day, the men were identified as Preston Allen and Kristopher Gilmore, and a medical examiner performed autopsies and concluded that both men were killed by a single gunshot wound to the head.

Soon thereafter, one of Kristopher Gilmore's relatives informed detectives that on the evening of March 23, 2006, at approximately 8:00 p.m., Gilmore had stated that he was trying to set up a drug deal between "Rabbi," whom they also knew as Harold Anderson, and a friend. Detectives also located cell phone records, which revealed that on March 23, 2006, Harold Anderson had called or been called by Kristopher Gilmore over sixteen times between 5:43 p.m. and 8:34 p.m.

A break in the case came when MPD officers who were investigating an unrelated domestic violence case recovered a .32 caliber revolver that, through ballistics analysis, was shown to be the murder weapon. When confronted with the fact that the gun had been used in two murders, the defendant in that domestic case told police that Harold Anderson, a friend, had borrowed the revolver around the time of the murders. Later, officers recovered .32 caliber

ammunition from Anderson's home.

After his arrest, Harold Anderson was interviewed by MPD detectives and admitted calling Gilmore regarding the purchase of marijuana, but said that he did so on behalf of someone else. Anderson insisted that another person had committed the murders, but told the detectives the details of how the murders were committed and stated that he had shared some of the marijuana taken from the decedents after they were killed.

In announcing the sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips praised the efforts of the Metropolitan Police Department, including Violent Crime Branch Detectives Milton Norris, William Xanten, Dwayne Corbett, Wayne Marable, Sgt. Daniel Wagner, and Sgt. Christopher Kaufman, along with MPD Mobile Crime Unit members Ridley Durham, Kemper Agee, Leother Strong, Petheria McIver, Grant Greenwalt, Brenda Floyd, Tina Ramadhan, Dawn Leary (Schwartz), Charles Egan, and Julius Smith, and Crime Scene Investigation Branch officer Bernard Lyons. He also commended Sixth District officers Sgt. James Black, Samuel Swarn, and Jeffrey Janczyk, and Dr. Lois Goslinoski, of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the District of Columbia. Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips also praised the work of Homicide Section paralegal Alesha Matthews, Homicide Section secretary Mary Doster, Litigation Support Unit staff members Thomas Royal, Errol Spears, Timothy Linder, Paul Howell, Kimberly Smith, and Tyrone Bowie for their efforts before and during this trial. Finally, he commended Assistant United States Attorney Mark O'Brien, who helped investigate the case, as well as Gary Wheeler, who tried the case.

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